

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 16, 30 and 34 to 36 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A printing system, which continuously performs printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an input unit adapted to enter image data that are to be printed;

a printing unit adapted to print said image data entered by said input unit;

a storage unit adapted to, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~ to a predetermined voltage or lower, store interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control unit adapted to employ said interrupt information stored in said storage unit to resume printing based on said print setting information.

2. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said input unit enters image data from an external digital camera.

3. (Original) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said print setting information includes a job for printing a plurality of image types.

4. and 5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said printing unit is battery-operated.

7. (Original) A printing system according to claim 2, wherein said interrupt information is recorded in a non-volatile memory provided for said digital camera.

8. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said control unit includes an examining unit adapted to examine whether said print setting information has been changed before and after said interrupt.

9. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 8, wherein, when said examining unit ascertains that said print setting information has been changed, said control unit does not resume printing based on said interrupt information.

10. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said interrupt information is updated each time an image is printed on one sheet, and the updated information is recorded in said storage unit.

11. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, which is connected to said digital camera via a connection cable having a power feed line, wherein said printing unit receives power from the power source of said digital camera along said connection cable.

12. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said control unit includes a determining unit adapted to determine whether said memory card has been replaced before and after said interrupt.

13. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 12, wherein, when said determining unit determines that said memory card has been replaced, printing is not resumed based on said interrupt information.

14. (Original) A printing system according to claim 12, wherein the replacement of said memory card includes a case where information stored on said memory card has been changed.

15. (Previously presented) A printing system according to claim 1, wherein, when printing is halted by said printing unit while an image is currently being output on one sheet of recording paper, said recording sheet on which printing is incomplete is discharged.

16. (Currently amended) A printing method[[,]] for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~ to a predetermined voltage or lower, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

17. (Original) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein, at said input step, image data is entered from an external digital camera.

18. (Original) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said print setting information includes a job for printing a plurality of image types.

19. and 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said printing step is performed by a battery-operated printer.

22. (Original) A printing method according to claim 17, wherein said interrupt information is recorded in a non-volatile memory provided for said digital camera.

23. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said control step includes an examining step of examining whether said print setting information has been changed before and after said interrupt.

24. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 23, wherein, when it is ascertained in said examining step that said print setting information has been changed, in said control step, printing based on said interrupt information is not resumed.

25. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said interrupt information is updated each time an image is printed on one sheet, and the updated information is recorded in said storage step.

26. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein said control step includes a determining step of determining whether said memory card has been replaced before and after said interrupt.

27. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 26, wherein, when it is ascertained in said determining step that said memory card has been replaced, printing is not resumed based on said interrupt information.

28. (Original) A printing method according to claim 26, wherein the replacement of said memory card includes a case where information stored on said memory card has been changed.

29. (Previously presented) A printing method according to claim 16, wherein, when printing is halted in said printing step while an image is currently being output on one sheet of recording paper, said recording sheet on which printing is incomplete is discharged.

30. (Currently amended) A digital camera, which continuously performs printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an image pickup unit;

an input unit adapted to enter said print setting information;

an output unit adapted to output image data to a printer based on said print setting information;

a first storage unit adapted to store said image data;

a second storage unit adapted to, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control unit adapted to employ said interrupt information stored in said second storage unit to resume printing based on said print setting information.

31. (Original) A digital camera according to claim 30, with which said printer is integrally formed.

32. (Original) A digital camera according to claim 30, which is battery-operated.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A storage medium on which stored is a computer-readable program for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, said computer-readable program comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~ to a predetermined voltage or lower, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

35. (Currently amended) Computer-executable program instructions stored on a computer-readable storage medium, for causing a computer to execute a printing method for continuously performing printing on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an input step of entering image data that are to be printed;

a printing step of printing said image data entered in said input step;

a storage step of, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~ to a predetermined voltage or lower, storing interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control step of employing said interrupt information stored in said storage step to resume printing based on said print setting information.

36. (Currently amended) A print control apparatus, for controlling a printer in order to continuously output an image on a plurality of sheets based on print setting information including, at the least, information for designating an image to be printed, comprising:

an output unit adapted to output image data to a printer based on said print setting information;

a storage control unit adapted to, when printing based on said print setting information is interrupted due to reduction of a battery voltage ~~power capacity~~ to a predetermined voltage or lower, store, in a memory, interrupt information concerning the printing completed before the interrupt; and

a control unit adapted to employ said interrupt information stored by said storage control unit to resume printing based on said print setting information.